

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday December 1st 2002

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The Tipperary Amateur Radio Group would like to thank all those who sent in their logs for the Slievenamon Shield and congratulate Hugh EI2HI on winning this year's event.

The Group's Annual Dinner get-together will take place at Raheen House Hotel Raheen Road Clonmel on the 21st of December. Information is available from any member of the Club. The Monthly meeting of the Group is on next Wednesday the 4th of December.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The night classes will continue at the Park House, Parnell Street, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford at 7.15 p.m. on Monday nights and will continue until the 23rd of December. Classes will resume after Christmas in the same venue on Monday the 6th of January.

The clubs Christmas get-together will take place in Garveys' lounge, Ballytruckle, Waterford on Saturday the 14th of December at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.

For more information about the club visit www.angelfire.com/tx3/searg or e-mail searg@angelfire.com.

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network have announced Saturday December the 21st as the date for their annual Christmas Dinner. The venue is The Clew Bay Hotel, Westport.

The club regularly meets in a private room at Stensons of Ballyvary on the N5 and the meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

Proposed Amateur Band

The RSGB are proposing a new amateur band between 495 and 505 kHz, this is at the lower end of the AM broadcast band. It was noted that monitoring of the International distress and calling frequency, 500 kHz ceased in many parts of the world at the end of 1997. The allocation of spectrum around this frequency would allow amateurs to experiment with sky wave propagation that ceased during the 1920's when the frequency was allocated to Maritime communications which used ground wave propagation.

Space News

European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut Frank DeWinne, ON1DWN has made QSO's from space to students at the Royal Technical School for Petty Officers of the Belgian Army. The schools' Amateur Radio club installed a satellite station specifically for the scheduled contact with ON1DWN.

Contest & DX news

6F1LM will be QRV until December the 31st from Mexico for the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the FMRE (Federacion Mexicana de Radio Experimentadores).

To celebrate the first year of the Foundation Licence in the UK it is proposed to hold a 'QSO Party' to which all M3s are invited. The event will take place on the 1st of January on 40 metres at 1000 UTC and 1500 UTC.

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4883555. Items can also be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail cyberis@vodafone.ie. Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026 or by fax at 087-5-6302026.

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